3. Amount received from Central Revenue.

The year-wise details of appropriation of SRSF and Expenditure allocated to SRSF is as under:—

(Rs. in crore)

| Year | Safety Surcharge collected from passenger | Allocated from Railway Revenue | Amount received from General Revenue | Expenditure |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2001-02 | 304.86 | 150.24 | 1000.00 | 1434.28 |
| 2002-03 | 602.51 | 565.40 | 1350.00 | 2486.31 |
| 2003-04 | 631.41 | 361.41 | 1600.00 | 2583.77 |
| 2004-05 | 679.16 | 100.00 | 2975.00 | 3677.78 |
| 2005-06 | 748.60 | 0.00 | 2499.00 | 2783.14 |
| 2006-07 | 817.66 | 0.00 | 1365.00 | 1955.60 |

(b) Yes, Sir. The Railway Safety Surcharge now stands subsumed in Passenger Fares on as is where is basis in the form of a Development Charge with effect from 01.04.2007.

(c) There is no effect on the chargeable Passenger Fares of any class.

**Unhygienic condition in compartments and on platforms**

2061. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways is operating a number of trains carrying lakhs of passengers daily;

(b) whether there are innumerable complaints against unhygienic situation in the compartments and on the platforms, particularly the shabby condition of the toilets in the compartments, and the quality of the food served to the passengers and the blankets and bed sheets distributed among the passengers is mostly unwashed;

(c) whether this has greatly impacted our earnings from the tourism sector since a number of foreign tourists are now avoiding travelling by the trains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the Centre's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Railways have made special efforts to improve the standard of cleanliness and hygiene with focus in the under noted areas:

(i) Enroute cleaning at 'Clean Train Stations'.

(ii) On Board Cleaning and Housekeeping.

(iii) Mechanised rake cleaning in the depots through professional agencies.

(iv) Regular cockroach and rodent control treatment in trains through professional, agencies. Some complaints regarding cleanliness of compartments and platforms, quality of food and unwashed linen have been received. Remedial action is immediately taken whenever such complaints are received. Regular checks are also conducted to monitor the deficiencies in this regard.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Construction of railway overbridge in Chennai**

2062. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many railway overbridge construction works in Chennai are pending due to refusal of the Central Government for providing adequate land for the works;

(b) whether Government has also received any representation from the Government of Tamil Nadu for providing any other lands for construction of railway overbridge; and

(c) if so, Government's response on this issue, alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. At 3 locations the works of road over/under bridges (ROB/RUB) are held up for want of defence land for approaches. These are;

(i) RUB in lieu of LC No. 19 (Jain College) between Pazhavanthangal - Minambakkam station where Railway portion of work has been completed but work on approaches could not be executed by State Government for want of land from Defence Department.

(if) ROB in lieu of LC No. 22 (Trisoolam) between Palavaram—Trisoolam. No problem for Railway portion of work but for non-availability of land for approaches from Defence Department, State Government has not been able to finalise General Arrangement Drawing for this work.

(iii) ROB in lieu of LC No. 24 (Palavaram) at km. 22/15-16 where Railway portion of work is in progress but State Government could not complete approaches work for want of land from Defence Department.

(b) No reference has been received from State Government duly identifying locations for ROB/RUBs for these 3 locations.

(c) Does not arise.

**Fund allocated to Uttar Pradesh for various Railway projects**

t2063. SHRI AMIRALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) the total amount provided for various schemes of Railways in Uttar Pradesh for the year 2006-07 alongwith the amount allocated and the total amount of funds utilized, so far, out of it;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.